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The following is a list of wages and prices prevailing in Moscow in December 1953:

WAGES

<u>Employment</u>	<u>Monthly Salary</u> (in rubles)	<u>Notes</u>
Top level intellectual workers	4,000	Maximum
Stakhanovite technician	3,000	Maximum
Factory chief engineer, manager, etc.	2,000	Minimum
Main departmental head	1,500	Minimum (occasionally includes apartment)
Sub departmental head	1,400	
Trolley bus driver	1,500	Abnormally high
Engineer	800 - 1,300	
Hotel night watchman	800	Plus food on duty
Workman	700 - 800	
Truck driver	800	
Chauffeur	700	

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<u>Employment</u>	<u>Monthly Salary</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Clerical worker (upper grade)	600 - 1,150	
Clerical worker (typist, bookkeeper)	400 - 600	
Hotel maid	500	Plus food on duty
Cleaner, street cleaner	350	Plus accommodation

PRICES

a. <u>Food</u>	<u>Price</u> (in rubles)	<u>Quantity</u>
(1) <u>Bread</u>		
Wheat	1.65 - 1.95	kg
Black	1.10	kg
(2) <u>Cookies</u>		
Poor quality	8.00	kg
Shortbread	37.50	kg
Chocolate cookies	78.00	kg
Highest quality	140.00	kg
(3) <u>Meat</u>		
Beef	9.00 - 13.00	kg
Mutton	12.00 - 15.00	kg
Pork	18.00 - 22.00	kg
Ham	27.00	kg
Chicken	18.00	kg
(4) <u>Fish</u>		
Cod (fresh)	10.00 - 20.00	kg
Cod (cured)	6.00	kg
Black caviar		
best quality	127.00	kg
second quality	81.00	kg
pressed	88.00	kg
Red caviar	48.60	kg
second quality	37.10	kg
(5) <u>Butter, etc.</u>		
Butter	25.00 - 29.00	kg
Cheese	32.00 - 37.00	kg
Margarine	14.00 - 80.00 <sup>1</sup>	kg
Lard	26.00	kg
Milk	2.20 - 7.00	Liter
(6) <u>Eggs</u>	1.00 - 1.20	each
(7) <u>Tea, etc.</u>		
Tea, best quality	10.60	per 100 gm
first quality	8.40	
second quality	6.80	
Sugar, granulated	9.40	kg
lump	10.70	kg

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	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity or Remarks</u>
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(8) Fruit

Apples	6.00 - 10.00	kg
Oranges (large)	3.00	

(9) Miscellaneous

Chocolate (block)	61.00 - 210.00	kg
Candy	35.00 - 75.00	
Mineral water - Narzan	1.20	Including bottle
Fruit drinks	3.70	
Average meal in restaurant	20.00 - 25.00	Including bottle

b. Accommodation

One room	70.00	per month
Two rooms	130.00	

c. Clothing(1) Men's

Suit - two piece	900.00	Average
Overcoat	from 900.00	
Fur hat, good quality	100.00 - 160.00	
Fur hat, poor quality	60.00	
Tie	from 20.00	
Shirt (collar attached)	60.00 - 120.00	
Woolen sweater	90.00	
Undershirt	12.00	
Socks	11.40	per pair

(2) Women's

Cotton dress	170.00 - 250.00
Woolen dress	400.00 - 450.00
Silk dress	from 600.00

(3) Children's

Boy's suit	390.00
Girl's woolen dress	190.00 - 360.00
Girl's cotton dress	100.00

(4) Footwear

Leather shoes (men's)	69.00 - 480.00
average	140.00 - 330.00
Galoshes	30.00 - 38.00
Leather shoes (women's)	175.00 - 350.00
average	240.00 - 310.00
Children's shoes	26.00 - 90.00
average	32.00 - 50.00
Children's overshoes	16.00

d. Tobacco and Drink(1) Drink

Vodka (Stolichnaya)	25.00 - 90.00	$\frac{1}{2}$ liter
Brandy (Cognac)	33.30 - 37.00	
Wine (Georgian)	22.95	
Soviet champagne	26.00	
Beer	2.90 - 6.00	

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	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity or Remarks</u>
<b>(2) Cigarettes</b>		
Kavkaz	6.15	per pk. of 20
Drug	4.10	per pk. of 20
Prima	1.34	per pk. of 20
Belomorsk (Papirosy)	1.60	per pk. of 25
Kazbek (Papirosy)	3.50	per pk. of 25
Best quality (Papirosy)	7.10	per pk. of 25
Tobacco	2.90 - 4.80	per 100 gm
Matches	0.10	per box

**e. Luxury Articles**

Radio set ( 5-tube)	650.00 - 990.00	
Radio tubes	11.50 - 21.29	
Television	2,380.00	
	1,275.00	
Phonograph	320.00	
Phonograph records	3.20 - 7.60	
long playing corundum needles	4.50	
Accordion	330.00 - 490.00	
Balalaika	42.00	
Child's sled	30.00	
Skating boots	180.00 - 250.00	
Football boots	135.00 - 180.00	
Bicycle	630.00	
Bicycle tire	40.00	
Inner tube	25.00 - 30.00	
Motorcycle	2,300.00	
Cars - Pobeda	16,000.00	
ZIM	42,000.00	
Typewriter	1,030.00	
Tape recorder	1,800.00	
Camera, Kiev (Zeiss type)	2,750.00-3,100.00	
box, Lyubitel	136.00	

large  
small**f. Miscellaneous Consumer Goods****(1) Toilet articles**

Toilet soap	1.35 - 5.10	
Household soap	2.10	
Shaving soap	2.10	
Shaving cream	2.50	
Shaving brush	3.40	
Razor blades	3.60	
Tooth paste	2.00	
Toothbrush	2.65	
Nail scissors	4.40 and up	
Lipstick	3.65	

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**(2) Stationery**

Fountain pen	44.00	Parker type
Fountain pen, steel nib	22.00	Poor quality
Writing paper	2.00	20 sheets, lined
Envelopes	0.10	each
Typing paper	6.00	250 sheets
Roll of tracing paper	8.00	87 cm x 10 m
Stapler	32.00 - 42.00	
Staples	8.50	1,000

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(2) Stationery (cont.)

Glue	4.00	Small bottle
Two-hole punch	11.00	
Paper clips	2.50	
Picture postcard	0.75	
Picture postcard	0.20	
Shorthand notebook	2.50 - 5.00	
School exercise book	2.50	
Lead pencil	0.18 - 0.50	
Biro minor (sic)	8.00	Cheap finish

(3) Newspapers and Books

<u>Pravda</u>	0.20	daily (4 pages)
<u>Soviet Trade</u>	0.30	daily (4 pages)
<u>Ogonek</u>	3.00	weekly (34 pages)
<u>Soviet Union</u>	6.00	monthly
Technical books	4.90 - 22.00	
Novels, etc. - classics	1.90 - 15.00	
modern	6.00 - 12.00	
Political works	1.15 - 6.00	
Set of 50 prints of Tretyakovskaya Gallery and descriptive text	50.00	

(4) Watches, etc.

Man's pocket watch	230.00	
Man's wristwatch	1,265.00	
Woman's wristwatch	1,054.00	
Wall clock	230.00	
Alarm clock	29.20	
Watch strap (leather)	3.90 - 4.75	

(5) Household Goods

Tumbler, pressed glass	3.40 - 8.00	
Tumbler, cut glass	25.00 - 45.00	
Cup and saucer (earthenware)	6.70	
Knife	4.70	
Fork	3.00	
Spoon (tea) (dessert)	3.85 7.35	
Penknife	16.00 - 22.00 8.00	Good quality
Samovar	300.00	Poor quality
Bakelite ashtray	3.60	

(6) Hairdressing

Haircut	2.00	
Shave	2.25	
Shampoo	2.50	
Bath	3.00	

g. Mail and Telegraph(1) Letters

Local letters (2 oz.)	0.40 <sup>2</sup>	
Letters outside Moscow	1.20 <sup>2</sup>	

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(1) Letters, (cont.)

Letters abroad (overland)	0.40
Letters abroad (air)	1.40
Postcards abroad (air)	1.10

(2) Telegrams

Telegrams, local	0.30	per word
Telegrams, international (to England)	0.70	
Minimum charge for ELT	8.27	per word

(3) Telephone (call box)      0.15h. Entertainment

Theater	5.00	-35.00
Movie theater	3.00	- 6.00
Circus	10.00	-19.00
Tretyakovskaya Gallery		3.00
Football stadium	2.00	-10.00

i. Transportation(1) Moscow Local

Subway	0.45	any distance per kilometer
Bus	0.15	
Trolley bus	0.15	
Trolley car	0.30	
Taxi (Pobeda)	2.00	any distance per kilometer

(2) Train

Moscow - Leningrad	404.50	International Soft
	174.60	
	96.00	
Moscow - Vladivostok	1,344.00	Hard Soft
Moscow - Tashkent	600.00	
Moscow - Kiev	195.00	
	115.00	Soft Hard

(3) Air

Moscow - Leningrad	247.50
Moscow - Kiev	252.50
Moscow - Vladivostok	1,707.00

Comments

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1. Eighty should probably be 18.
2. According to available information, the charge for a domestic, overland letter weighing 20 grams is 40 kopeks.

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